

**"K" DIVISION CRIMINAL ANALYSIS SECTION****OPEN SOURCE INTELLIGENCE REPORT
PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS
K Division – 2022/02/19 13:00****COUTTS AND RELATED PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS K DIVISION****SUMMARY OF PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS IN K DIVISION**

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BACKGROUND

K DCAS is engaged in focused open source collection on events related to the Coutts border matter occurring in RCMP jurisdiction in Alberta. Using social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram; the intent is to identify any events that may present officer or public safety concerns.

KEY FINDINGS

- There was relatively little discussion on social media today (2022/02/19) regarding events taking place in Alberta, including the convoy to the Alberta legislature and the ongoing protest camp at Milk River. Attention appears to be focused on the events in Ottawa.
- **Personal** was scheduled to appear at the Slow Roll in Fairview today. At the time of writing, it is not known if he made an appearance.
- Facebook User **Personal** has created a group called "Coutts Border Crew". **Personal** does not list a location, but previously posted from Ottawa protests. **Personal** regularly goes live on Facebook and posted from the Milk River camp on 2022/02/18. On 2022/02/19 at 09:45 **Personal** started a Facebook live from what appears to be the Milk River camp, stating that he was going to speak at the rally in Edmonton today to talk about what he saw when he was in Ottawa.
- The "Throne Speech Convoy" to the Alberta Legislature, at 12:00 on 2022/02/22, appears to be gaining traction. It has now been shared on multiple Facebook pages and groups. One group that regularly plans protests urged people "Bring your families, friends and children. Plan your own convoy." There is a convoy being organized to attend from the Fort McMurray area. **Personal** **Personal** one of the self appointed spokespersons for the Milk River protest, posted last night

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that "Coutts truckers have announced that most of them will be heading here-details will follow" in regards to the Throne Speech convoy.

- There is discussion on various social media platforms about counter-protesting the legislature convoy and attempting to block it in and around Edmonton, however no concrete events were located.
- **Personal Info** is organizing bottle drives to help raise funds to pay tickets and for lawyers. There are drop off locations in Leduc and Red Deer.
- There are events planned in Fairview and Lac La Biche on 2022/02/19 that are slow rolls through the communities. There are also a rallies planned in Fort McMurray and Strathmore on 2022/02/19. On 2022/02/20, there is a weekly recurring rally in Spruce Grove.
- There is at least one individual organizing a supply run from Onoway to Milk River on 2022/02/19.
- There are upcoming events planned in K Division (after 2022/02/19) affecting the following areas:
 - All detachments that will have a "Throne Speech Convoy" running through them on the way to Edmonton
 - Okotoks
 - Grande Prairie
 - Detachments located along Highway 1 from BC to Saskatchewan

Convoy to Edmonton

Date: 2022/02/19	Time: 10:30 Convoy and 12:00 march and rally
Meeting location: Alberta Legislature Building	
Detachment(s) affected: Leduc, Sherwood Park, Parkland, Ponoka, Wetaskiwin	

A Facebook event has been created in Facebook group "Alberta Freedom Convoy 2022CA" for convoys to go to the Alberta Legislature Building. Start up locations are currently listed as Sherwood Park Flying J, Nisku Black Jacks and Acheson Flying J/Husky. The event page states that the full location details will be announced soon. The Ponoka Convoy is being integrated into this event. A convoy group from Calgary will be meeting and staging at the Flying J in Nisku, while those from the Edmonton area or Ponoka will meet at the Black Jack's parking lot. **Personal** has also posted to "Alberta Freedom Convoys United CA" to invite those unable to participate in the convoy to show support from overpasses around Edmonton.

Posts from **Personal** on the event "Alberta Convoy February 19, 2022" indicate that there will be a counter protest from "The NDP group ran by **Personal Info.**". **Pers.** claims to have spoken to police and to have a plan for when the group tries to shut them down. **Personal** spoke with the media following previous counter protests in Edmonton. An event associated to the counter protest was not



located.

On 2022/02/17 **Personal Info** posted to the group "Alberta Freedom Convoys United CA" indicating that there will also be convoy groups meeting at the Ponoka Co-op Cardlock at 09:30, the Wetaskiwin Co-Op Cardlock at 10:00 and the Nisku Co-Op Cardlock at 10:30.

A post by **Personal Info** on 2022/02/17, one of the organizers of the event, asked for volunteers in Sherwood Park, Acheson and Nisku. She also asked for a pilot truck to help direct traffic. Several people asked **Pers** to private message them about the request, stating that they may be able to help.

A comment on a convoy post asked if they would be still honking after injunctions and tickets from last weekend and the reply was "yes".

As of 2022/02/18, at 19:25, 305 people have indicated "going" and 578 have indicated "interested" on the Facebook page. **Personal Info** also posted a poll of what people would be doing this weekend and 796 voted they would be going to the Alberta legislature.

Personal posted routes for the convoy to take, with Nisku, Sherwood Park and Acheson all taking different routes in Edmonton:

Nisku Route

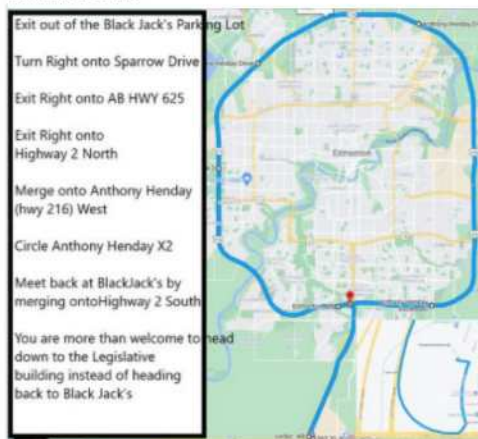


Image 1: Nisku Route (Facebook; 2022/02/18)



Sherwood Park Route

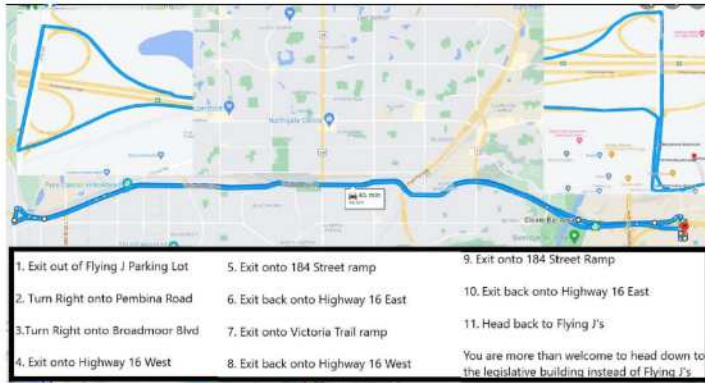


Image 2: Sherwood Park Route (Facebook; 2022/02/18)

Acheson Route – split into two groups determined when people arrive

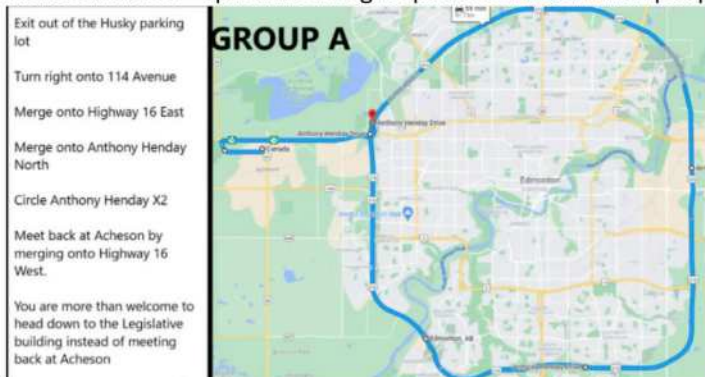


Image 3: Image of Acheson Route #1 (Facebook; 2022/02/18)

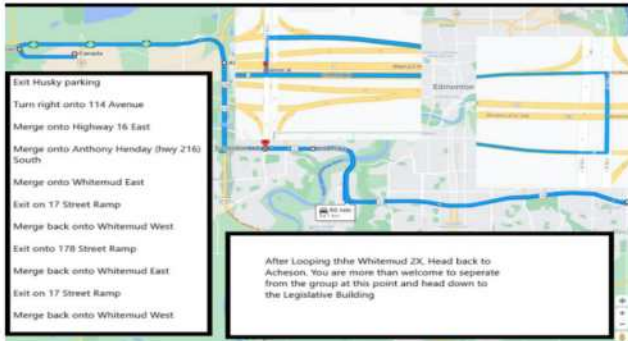


Image 4: Image of Acheson Route #2 (Facebook; 2022/02/18)

Edmonton Legislature Convoy Counter-Protesters

There is discussion on social media about counter-protesting the convoys and attempting to block them, either at various points outside of Edmonton or in the city itself. However, no concrete plans/events were located. One commenter on Reddit asked if anyone was organizing a counter-protest, and another responded that nothing was organized, people would just show up. Another poster on a different Reddit thread indicated that Alberta Activist Collective was organizing counter-protests, however there is nothing on their various social media accounts to support this. However, their website notes that they have a system whereby you can pay them \$20 per year to be notified by text of various events. They note that this is an option specifically for people who dislike social media, so they may be organizing via text. Last week there were a few counter-protesters, approximately 20-30, and it is likely that there will be a few again this week, however if anything bigger is being organized it is happening away from social media.

Grande Prairie Slow Roll Convoy and Freedom Glow Party

Date: 2022/02/27	Time: Slow Roll: Gather at 09:15 and head out at 10:00 Glow Party: 17:00-21:00
Meeting location: Petro Canada West for the Slow Roll, old Canadian Tire parking lot for the Glow Party	
Detachment(s) affected: Grande Prairie	

A slow roll convoy is planned for Grande Prairie, leaving the Petro Canada West at 10:00. The poster states that trailers are not allowed, but semi trucks are welcome. The intended route appears to be travelling south on 116 street to the southern edge of the city, then east on 68 Avenue, north on 92 street and then back west on 116th Avenue. That evening, a "freedom glow party" is planned to take place at the old Canadian Tire parking lot. The poster states it will be family friendly and no alcohol permitted.



Salmon Arm to Ottawa Convoy

Date: 2022/02/19 - 2022/02/20	Time: 12:00
Meeting location: Salmon Arm, BC	
Detachment(s) affected: Detachments adjacent to Highway 1	

Event by "Freedom Daisy" on Facebook, attributed to "Personal Info. [REDACTED]". This convoy is scheduled to leave Golden, BC at 16:30, to arrive in Calgary at 20:00, and to spend the night in Medicine Hat, continuing east on 2022/02/20. The Freedom Daisy page has 24 followers and there is limited engagement with the posts related to this event.

Red Deer and Nisku Bottle Drive Drop-Off

Date: 2022/02/19	Time: 15:00-16:00 in Nisku, business hours in Red Deer
Meeting location: Nisku Co-op in Nisku and Black Label Coffee House in Red Deer	
Detachment(s) affected: Leduc and Red Deer City	

Personal Info. is requesting bottle donations to support the convoy participants. Donations can be dropped off at the Nisku Co-op or at the Black Label Coffee House in Red Deer.

Brooks Slow Roll Convoy

Date: 2022/02/19	Time: Staging at noon, rolling out at 13:00
Meeting location: Staging north of the overpass, Highway 873 near the Gun Club road	
Detachment(s) affected: Brooks	

The event was shared by Trans-Canada Freedom Rally. Several such convoys have taken place in Brooks since January, including one last Saturday. Brooks detachment has noted that the group has been cooperative and compliant in the past.



Cremona Slow Roll Convoy

Date: 2022/02/19	Time: 10:00
Meeting location: Cremona Hotel parking lot	
Detachment(s) affected: Didsbury and possibly Olds.	

The organizer appears to be **Personal Info.** . Unknown how many people will attend, but **Personal** stated that they had 150 vehicles at last week's convoy and that they expect to have around 200 tomorrow.

Lloydminster Freedom Rally

Date: 2022/02/19	Time: 11:00-13:00
Meeting location: Lloydminster City Hall	
Detachment(s) affected: Lloydminster	

These rallies have been occurring regularly since 2022-01-21, and the organizer advises the detachment in advance each time. It is unknown how many people and vehicles plan to attend. **No OSINT update.**

Red Deer Recurring Freedom Rally

Date: 2022/02/19	Time: 12:30; Convoy at 14:30
Meeting location: 19th Street and Gaetz Avenue	
Detachment(s) affected: Red Deer City	

This event recurs every Saturday. It is unknown what route the convoy plans to take, however judging by the pictures of last week's event it appears to be heading out of town. **No OSINT update.**

Ponoka Convoy to Edmonton

Date: 2022/02/19	Time: Meet at 08:00, roll out around 10:00
Meeting location: Behind the Ponoka Tim Hortons on Highway 2A	
Detachment(s) affected: All detachments between Ponoka and Edmonton	

In the group "Alberta Convoy February 19, 2022", Emma Frank posted indicating that some of the Ponoka Convoy would be meeting with the larger Convoy to Edmonton group at the Black Jack's in Nisku. **A video was posted at 10:32 showing the gathering at Ponoka. Appears they had substantial turnout, difficult to say exactly how many people/vehicles from the vantage point the video was taken,**



but appears to be at least over one hundred. They were starting to depart Ponoka at the end of the video. Announcer said they will be taking Henday East, wrapping around and then making their way to the legislature building.

Lac La Biche Convoy

Date: 2022/02/19	Time: 10:00
Meeting location: UFA Card Lock in Lac La Biche	
Detachment(s) affected: Lac La Biche	

A Facebook event has been created in the group "Alberta Convoy North" for a slow roll and barbeque in Lac La Biche. The event page asks "Do we roll this Saturday in LLb" and to comment below. As of 2020/02/18, only 1 person has confirmed going and 9 interested on the event page.

Strathmore and Area Freedom Rally

Date: 2022/02/19 and recurring Saturdays	Time: 15:00
Meeting location: Kinsmen Lake, Strathmore	
Detachment(s) affected: Strathmore	

The Facebook group "Strathmore and Area Freedom Support" has planned a weekly rally.

Fort McMurray Freedom Rally

Date: 2022/02/19	Time: 13:00
Meeting location: Fort McMurray Courthouse	
Detachment(s) affected: Fort McMurray/Wood Buffalo	

A Facebook event has been created in the group "Freedom Convoy 2022 Fort McMurray" for a 2-hour rally described as peaceful. As of 2022/02/18, there have been 24 respondents "going" and 24 "interested"

Slow Roll in Fairview

Date: 2022/02/19	Time: 11:00
Meeting location: Starting at Dunvegan Motor Inn in Fairview	
Detachment(s) affected: Fairview, Grande Prairie, Beaverlodge, Peace River, Spirit River, Fort. St. John, Dawson Creek.	



An event is planned in Fairview on 2022/02/19 with Chris Sky attending. The slow roll meeting place is at the Dunvegan Motor Inn, with a fundraiser for families at 10119 110 Street at 12:00 and to end at 13:00 at 10110 110 Street. **No OSINT update.**

Barrhead Freedom Convoy

Date: 2022/02/19	Time: 09:30
Meeting location: Likely the service road adjacent to Barrhead Splash Park	
Detachment(s) affected: Barrhead	

The "Barrhead Freedom Convoy 2022" group has been made private. The Barrhead Convoy departed the town at 10:00 and consisted of 37 vehicles, 4 of which were semi tractors.

Charter Bus to Ottawa

Date: 2022/02/19	Time: Unknown
Meeting location: Pickups in Red Deer, Calgary, Medicine Hat, Swift Current, Regina	
Detachment(s) affected: Highway 2 from Red Deer to Calgary, TransCanada Highway east of Calgary.	

Personal posted to the Facebook group "ALBERTA FREEDOM CONVOY 2022CA" that her husband is attempting to fill a charter bus to Ottawa. Information has not been posted about the location or timing. The event is postponed to 2022/02/19, due to lack of response. A post has requested confirmation of attendance by 2022/02/16. **Person** has been asking people to private message her when they requested more information, so unknown how many people are planning on going. **No OSINT update.**

Okotoks Recurring Anti-Mandates and Masks protest

Date: 2022/02/20	Time: 13:00
Meeting location: 50 McRae Street, Okotoks	
Detachment(s) affected: Okotoks	

The "Foothills Children's Protest" occurs every Sunday at the Olde Towne Plaza (50 McRae Street, Okotoks), with varying levels of attendance. The event usually has a guest speaker. On 2022/02/20, it will be **Personal Info** from the group "Free to Play." The protest will focus on restrictions affecting children. **No OSINT update.**



Spruce Grove Rally

Date: 2022/02/20 – Recurring on Sundays	Time: 13:00
Meeting location: Central Park. Spruce Grove	
Detachment(s) affected: Spruce Grove	

Word Campfire Initiative is hosting the recurring rally on Sundays till the mandates are over. It is supposed to be a peaceful gathering with speakers and performances. [No OSINT update.](#)

Throne Speech Convoy

Date: 2022/02/22	Time: Various, but arrive in Edmonton by 11:00 for the 13:00 throne speech
Meeting location: Alberta Legislature Building, Edmonton	
Detachment(s) affected: Unknown, calling for convoys from everywhere in Alberta	

The Facebook group “Rally 4 Resources” is promoting a convoy to the Alberta Legislature building to protest the Throne Speech on 2022/02/22. The group does not appear to be organizing the event themselves; however, they are urging others to organize their own convoys. Currently, there is no confirmed indication of a large attendance; however, it is advisable to be prepared based on departures from Coutts and negative sentiment towards government. This event will continue to be monitored over the weekend and further updates will be provided as more information becomes available. Posters for this convoy have been shared to other groups. The individual posting to other groups is often **Personal Info.**. A newer version of the post states that groups and Albertans should meet out MLAs and staffers as they walk to assembly and to honk, honk, honk during the 13:00 throne speech. Foothills Freedom Rally, which organizes protests in Okotoks every Sunday, has shared a new version of the event poster which encourages people to plan their own convoys and attend the legislature.

The page “Freedom Convoy 2022 Fort McMurray” has created an event for a convoy from Fort McMurray to attend the throne speech. The group will depart the Tim Hortons at Mackenzie Boulevard and Highway 63 at 06:00 on 2022/02/22. [The Facebook event page has 5 “going” and 8 “interested.”](#)



Protest from Home

Date: 2022/02/21-2022/02/28	Time: None
Meeting location: None	
Detachment(s) affected: Unknown, calling for walk outs from everywhere in Canada	

Posts previously began on truckers' Facebook pages, but have recently been gaining a little traction and have been asking everyone to join. The posts state to "Shut it Down" and "Protest from Home." On post states "Call in sick, hurt your ankle, use vacation time or just use the magic virus." **No OSINT update.**

Other Information

A post on Facebook from the morning of 2022/02/17 stated that there were approximately 60 people in the Lawful Protest Zone (LPZ) in Coutts and also stated "lots more are coming down." **Personal Info.** posted to "Alberta Freedom Convoys United CA" that **Personal Info.** will be collecting donations for Milk River and heading there from Onoway at 04:00 on Saturday, 2022/02/19. It is not clear if this is an event or a single person travelling alone.

LIMITATIONS

This information was gathered primarily from open source where accessible. Private groups and profiles were not viewed nor were encrypted communications.

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